

CONTROLLER FITCH OBJECTS

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IN THE DOCK BOARD PLANS.

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AT AUCTION AND PROPERTY ON THE
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An exciting session of the Sinking Fund Commission occurred yesterday regarding the dock improvements on the North River front above Gansevoort-st. During which Controller Fitch practically asserted the right of the Controller to assert his veto power over appropriations advanced by ex-Controller Theodore W. Myers under the same circumstances. Mr. Fitch presented a report on the plan of the Dock Department for the improvement of the North River water front north of Gansevoort-st. The estimate of the cost of this work proposed by the Dock Department, he said, was \$1,275,000. The Controller's estimate is \$1,071,500, or \$203,500 more.

The Controller's report was, on the whole, favorable to the proposed improvement. He favored securing from the Dock Board some assurance that the new piers would be leased at auction to the highest bidder, and added that the new piers be leased to low. As to the construction of the new marginal street between Little West Twelfth-st. and West Twenty-third-st., the Controller said that the property specially benefited by this improvement should be assessed.

"If," he continued, "under the law, as it now stands, the Dock Department had the power to take the property for improvement in such a manner as to cause an assessment for this local benefit to be laid, I would be in favor of approving the whole plan now presented by the Dock Department, subject to the understanding mentioned, relating to the method of leasing the new piers. I understand, however, that the law does not permit this course to be taken, and that it requires amendment for this purpose. I therefore recommend that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund communicate to the Dock Department their willingness to approve the proposed plan from its southern point of beginning to Gansevoort-st., and that the execution of the remainder be postponed until amended legislation can be procured which will permit a portion of the cost of the new marginal street north of Gansevoort-st. to be assessed against the property locally benefited thereby. This will allow immediately to be made by the Dock Department with that portion of the work which is pressing and urgent, while the slight delay resulting to the remainder of the improvement will be more than compensated for by a more equitable distribution of the cost thereof and by a large saving to the city treasury."

Dock Commissioner Einstein said: "The Controller comes to me and tells me that I had no right to rent these piers so low, and that he is going to make it a campaign argument." "In case you run for Mayor," said Mr. Fitch, "you would be going to run for Controller." "You said you were going to run for Controller," said Mr. Einstein. "The trouble is you have had a kick in your head about these low rentals. That is all there is to it. We are entitled to the credit of getting concessions from the War Department other Boards do not get."

The Controller said that Mr. Einstein misunderstood him. He was not opposed to the improvement, only he thought it was better to lay out the new street where it was needed by property benefited. "I agree to that," said Mr. Einstein. "S. Ward McAllister and W. P. Clyde, of the Clyde Steamship Company, spoke in favor of the improvement. Recorder Giff asked ex-Dock Commissioner Phelan if it were not true that the stocks of the steamship companies had increased in value after the proposition was made to improve the docks, and particularly after the visit of President Grant to London. Mr. Phelan said he did not know anything about it. The question led H. Maitland Kersey to inquire if the Recorder charged Mr. Grant with speculating in the stocks of the steamship companies. He denied the truth of the insinuation. "I mean nothing whatever against any member of the present Dock Board," explained Recorder Giff.

LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

The National Wrought Steel Manufacturing Company, whose office is at No. 15 Whitehall-st., and factory at Westfield, Long Island, made an assignment yesterday to Charles H. Smith. The company manufactured steel mantels, radiator stands and radiators, and had a salesroom at No. 39 East Forty-second-st. The business was started in 1892, and the present company was incorporated in 1896 with a capital stock of \$100,000. The company has been in financial difficulties for some time, and an attachment was obtained against it on May 22 for \$1,200 by J. H. Dunbar.

Judgment for \$14,400 was entered yesterday against James M. Waterbury, of No. 61 South-st., in favor of Work, Strong & Co. for the amount due on a note made by Mr. Waterbury, dated May 15, 1893, payable three years from date.

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Williams, to whom Bates assigned his claim, asserted in the complaint in the suit that Bates was robbed by a trespasser or some of the company's employees, and that the company was liable through carelessness in not failing to furnish a sufficient number of employees to guard the interior of the cars properly. The company replied that it had no knowledge or proof that Bates was robbed in a car. The jury returned after two hours' deliberation with a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,250.

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WALL STREET AND EXCHANGES.

The Governing Committee of the New-York Stock Exchange will, at its meeting to-day, place on the regular list 20,000 additional shares of the stock of the Western Union Telegraph Company. This will make the total amount listed \$7,373,000 out of an authorized issue of \$10,000,000. According to the figures furnished by the committee, the stock of the Western Union Telegraph Company, listing of which remains in the treasury, \$2,000,000 of stock, \$2,000,000 extra stock has been taken by J. F. Morgan & Co. In October, 1892, the authorized capital stock was increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. A scrip dividend of \$3,600,148 was declared, which was paid in stock. This dividend was to represent surplus expended on the property. In July, 1894, \$200,000 in stock was issued to pay for the purchase of the Western Union Telegraph Company, bringing the amount of stock issued up to \$2,370,000. The following is the statement of the Western Union Telegraph Company in regard to the new issue of \$2,000,000 of stock. It has been the custom of the Western Union Telegraph Company to pay for betterments and additions out of its surplus account. The aggregate surplus, exclusive of anything else, has been \$2,370,000, inclusive, amounted to \$2,370,000. The outlay for construction for the last four years has been \$3,135,000. This covers 1,811 miles of poles and 82,533 miles of wire. This is new property, not taking the place of anything else. There has been expended also during this period on the Chicago building \$1,066,212, making a total outlay of \$1,796,982, against the surplus of \$2,370,000. In order to cover the deficit of \$2,112,142, the company decided to issue \$2,000,000 of the stock in the treasury. This issue \$2,000,000 of the stock in the treasury. The balance of \$112,142 was not taken from the surplus and has not been distributed.

The announcement yesterday of the change in the Sugar schedule in the tariff was followed by great activity and a sharp advance in the stock of the American Sugar Refining Company (Sugar Trust) on the New-York Stock Exchange. The opening price for the common stock was 118 1/2, which was 4 1/2 below the closing on Monday, and there was a further decline of 1/2, on the receipt of the new tariff schedule. The stock rose to 124, and closed at 125 1/2, which made the net gain for the day 3/4. The preferred stock, which was closed at 100 1/2, which made the net gain for the day 1/2. Over one-third of the dealings in all stocks on the Stock Exchange list were in Sugar common. The dealings in the preferred were not large.

The remaining assets of the East Side Bank were sold yesterday by auction at the Real Estate Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Charles J. Canda, the receiver. These assets consisted of thirty-seven judgments, eleven notes, a \$1,000 United States bond and a second mortgage for \$2,000, on which \$2,000 had been paid. The total amount realized was \$2,300, of which \$1,000 was from the bond and \$1,300 was from the mortgage. The judgments and notes were regarded as worth little.

Charles F. James, who is now vice-president and acting cashier of the Franklin National Bank, will succeed Ellis H. Roberts as president of the bank when Mr. Roberts resigns to become Treasurer of the United States.

Russell Sage said yesterday that the Manhattan Railway Company had earned for the fiscal year 1896-97 5.33 per cent on the stock. The amount paid in dividends has been 5 per cent.

Forrest H. Parker and Richard H. Laimbeer were yesterday re-elected president and vice-president of the New-York Produce Exchange Bank.

Standard Oil Trust certificates sold yesterday at 21. The final sale was at 21 1/2.

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THE HEALTH BOARD PASSES THE AMENDMENT
IN SPITE OF MR. VREELAND'S PROTEST.

The Health Board gave a hearing to President Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Traction Company, before going into executive session yesterday afternoon on the amendment to the Sanitary Code offered by President Wilson two weeks ago, making it compulsory on all persons or corporations operating a line of cars to provide and run at least one closed car in every four so operated.

President Vreeland said that his protest to the proposed amendment was made on a business basis. That if they were obliged to run every fourth car as a box car it would take away one-fourth of the business of the Metropolitan Traction Company. He said that the plan had been tried last July, and not one of the closed cars took any fare. He said that in the summer months the poorer classes could not leave the city and demanded the open cars in which to take recreation. He said that the principal cause of complaint had been against the First, Second and Third-ave. lines, which put on open cars on the first pleasant Sunday and did not take them off.

President Wilson told Mr. Vreeland that if the amendment was passed he would have to comply with the terms of it.

When the Board went into executive session the amendment was passed. Notice will have to be published in the "City Record" for two weeks before it goes into effect.

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